



June 19, 2017

Ex Parte Notice

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: *Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90*

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Friday, June 16, 2017, Shirley Bloomfield, Chief Executive Officer of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association (“NTCA”), and the undersigned met with Jay Schwarz, wireline advisor to Chairman Ajit Pai, and Anthony Patrone and Jay Kaplan, interns in the Chairman’s office.

NTCA discussed the negative effects of insufficient universal service fund (“USF”) support and the ensuing unpredictable nature of the budget control mechanism on investments by rural local exchange carriers (“RLECs”) and the rates paid by their consumers. NTCA urged the Federal Communications Commission (the “Commission”) to act upon its pending petition for reconsideration to address such concerns so that the purported goals of USF reform and the mandates of federal law may be achieved. *See* Petition for Reconsideration and/or Clarification of NTCA, WC Docket No. 10-90, *et al.* (filed May 25, 2016), at 2-9.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence. Pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission’s rules, a copy of this letter is being filed via ECFS.

Sincerely,

/s/ Michael R. Romano

Michael R. Romano
Senior Vice President –
Industry Affairs & Business Development

cc: Jay Schwarz
Anthony Patrone
Jay Kaplan